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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Hiroshi TSUDA  
OPTICAL FIBER STRAIN SENSOR DEVICE AND STRAIN DETECTION  
METHOD

Assignee: **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Our Ref. Q77860

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 27 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 10 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	9 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$ .00
Independent claims	4 - 3	=	1	x	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
Base Fee							\$770.00.
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>							<b>\$856.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$896.00</b>


Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$856.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-340197	November 25, 2002

The priority document(s) are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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